North Carolina Courts Commission

Judicial Workload and Efficiency

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AOC Budget

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Administrative arm of the court system

Mark Martin, Chief Justice
John Smith, Director of AOC

Includes:

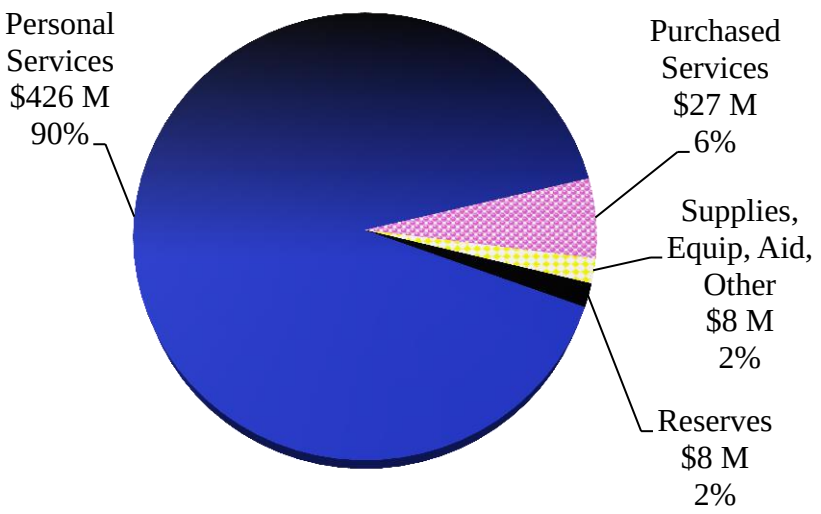
- Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals
- Superior courts
- District courts
- District Attorneys
- Magistrates
- Clerks

- **533 Elected Officials**

Total General Fund Budget: **$469 million**

Total FTE Employees: **5,785.19**

AOC Total General Fund Budget
FY 2014-15



Source: BD 307 Certified Budget

AOC Presentation

- Brad Fowler's presentation to the last Courts Commission meeting
- Includes:
  - Focus on workload formulas for Superior Court Judges
  - History of AOC's use of workload formulas
  - NCGA mandate to track on-bench time
    - Perception issues with on-bench time

National Center for State Courts

- "Workload Assessment: A Data-driven Management Tool for the Judicial Branch" (2013)
  - Outlines workload assessment process
    - Advisory Committee
    - Time Study
    - Quality Adjustments
  - Does not mention on-bench time as a measure

NCSC and AOC

- "North Carolina Superior Court Judicial Workload Assessment Final Report" (2011)
  - Found need for 111.8 SC Judges in NC
  - Key points from Quality Adjustment section:
    - Judges want more time to draft and review orders
    - Pretrial conferences lead to efficiency
    - Calendaring practices in NC affect judicial time:
      - Rotation leads to last-minute motions and settlements
      - DA control of criminal calendars
      - Court sessions organized around week

Workload Assessment in Practice

- NCSC workload formulas in use in 25 states
- Assessments in 38 states and 2 territories
- Results include:
  - Increase in number of judges in CA and WI
  - Reduction in number of judges in MI
  - Judicial boundaries to be redrawn in VA